

OPEN LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY



By John Young of "John's Wings & Things"

Parents, community leaders, and Ministers. On April 8th, 9th, and 10th, where were you? I was there trying to make the kids go home. Why weren't you there when the children were breaking out all the windows, looting stores, and setting buildings on fire? If there would have been at least 6 grown-ups on each corner (both sides of the street) some of this could have been prevented.

These children, 10-15 yrs. of age, do not have anything to protest about, except for better recreational facilities and jobs.

We adults are more to blame about what happened than the children are. On the other hand, why weren't the other hand, why wasn't BUILD, CAO, and the political leaders out there with loud speakers telling the kids to go home and stop all this foolishness. During the election, they used loud speakers telling people to go out and vote. Why didn't we use them on April 8th, 9th, and 10th? Weren't we interested enough? If we want the City of Buffalo to remain the "City of Good Neighbors", we will have to be more alert about the welfare of the children of this community than we have been in the past.

Some of the things that go on in our community are sickening and disgusting. It was my intention of moving to California in June, but I am canceling that trip. I feel as though I owe something to this community as much as anyone else or more. That's why I am going to stay here and do my utmost to help the children of this community. Let it be known that I'm not in the political field whatsoever, but after living in Buffalo some 23 years, I feel as though I'm a part of this fight.

I came to Buffalo in May 1945 as a young boy. Things was a bit different than now. But I feel the frustration these children are suffering today is exactly why I'm going to stick it out to the end.

As a businessman in the East Side Community, I was one of the key witnesses that can say, "I saw practically everything that went on in the district that I'm in." Meaning from Landon to Glenwood on Jefferson Ave. I witnessed today Hell, and police brutality. I saw two boys get shot in the legs. One was seriously injured, right in front of the Round the Clock Mart. If this hap-

pens in our own neighborhood. What do you think would happen of these children started breaking windows on Main Street between Chipewa and Court? A lot of kids would get shot down like dogs, that's when the adults would step in and the next thing we know it will be like a Civil War in Buffalo, "City of Good Neighbors."

Police brutality will have to cease, also in our city, law officials will have to find another way to handle the children, besides using tear gas and billy clubs. If they don't, it's going to be "A Long Hot Summer." It sorts of hurts me to say this, but most of these child-

children deserve this kind of treatment. No home training, calling police names in my precinct, No. 6. I know most of the police, and the Captain, Cap. Broise, whom I've known to be a very understanding and fine gentleman. He is trying to do everything in his power to work fair with everyone regardless to race, color, or creed.

I started something last year that I didn't finish because I got involved with some more people, and things just did not work out. As a result, I was left holding the bag, besides losing approximately \$3,800.00 of my money.

I also was up in the hospital with a heart condition. But this time I'm

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going all along if I have to. It seems like everyone is sitting back waiting on one another to make a move in the community in which we live. Well, I'm going to make that move. It's up to every individual to fall in line.

We are going to build a community owned recreational center in the Masten District with the complete cost approximately \$275,000. I'm going to donate the first \$100.00 and every week, every wing sold at Wings & Things, 2¢ will go towards the project also. You will notice that the price will slightly change at Wings and Things, but all this excess money will also go towards this project. I'm hoping that approximately \$400.00 per week from Wings and Things will go towards this project.

Liberty National Bank on Jefferson & E. Utica will be the treasure. I'm hoping that I will be able to have Mrs. Barbara Sims or Ambrose I Lane as chairman of the Board, for this project.

The public will be informed every week as to how much money is being raised. The Goal Board will be on display in front of Wings and Things on Jefferson & E. Utica. Everyone will participate in this drive will be highly appreciated.

Yours truly
John Young
P.S. The center will consist of 2 swimming pools, 2 pool rooms, skating rink, gym, soda bar, training room to

teach kids to be intelligent and self respecting, and many, many other facilities.

BLACK MEN'S MEETING

A black men's meeting will be held Sunday, at 8 P.M. at the JFK Center, Hickory and Clinton Sts. All BLACK men welcomed.

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